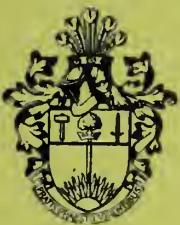




East Grinstead  
Urban District Council



The  
**Annual Report**  
of  
The Medical Officer of Health  
for  
the Year 1966



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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR  
1966

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1966.

The Report is prepared as indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/1967 dated January 1967.

The Crude Death Rate is 11.51 as compared with 13.6 for 1965.

The Standardised Death Rate is 8.29 compared with 11.7 for England and Wales. The Standardised Death Rate is obtained by the application of a 'comparability factor' making allowance for the age and sex distribution of the district for comparison with England and Wales as a whole.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is 6.8 compared with 13.15 for the previous year.

The Birth Rate is 17.21 compared with 18.3 in 1965.

The Standardised Birth Rate is 17.4 compared with 17.7 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough or Measles.

There were no deaths amongst children under two years of age from Enteritis and none from maternal causes.

For the twentieth year no case of Diphtheria was notified.

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the year.

## HOUSING

### Slum Clearance

1. Number of unfit houses included in programme submitted by the Council in January 1956 ...	103
2. Number dealt with under Section 11, Housing Act 1936 and Section 16, Housing Act 1957 ...	28
3. Number dealt with under Section 25, Housing Act 1936 and Section 42, Housing Act 1957 ...	102
4. Houses known to be unfit but in respect of which statutory action has not yet been taken ...	-
5. Houses in Council ownership declared unfit . . .	23
6. Houses in (1) subsequently made fit by their owners. . . . .	10
7. Number of families rehoused from unfit houses ..	118
8. Number of families waiting to be rehoused . . . . .	12

### COUNCIL HOUSING.

The following information is given by Mrs. O. Wren, the Housing Manager.

A new venture into 'industrialised' building was commenced in September of this year with the Sunnyside Estate comprising 30 three-bedroomed five-person houses, 16 three-bedroomed four-person houses and 16 one-bedroomed flats. These are built to Parker-Morris standards and will be ready for letting in 1967. All properties are provided with garage accommodation, either attached to or separate from the dwelling.

At the end of the year, Council owned accommodation consisted of 68 bed/sitting room flats, 107 one-bedroomed flats/bungalows, 25 prefabricated bungalows, 82 two-bedroomed flats, 8 two-bedroomed maisonettes, 155 two-bedroomed houses, 6 three-bedroomed flats, 28 three-bedroomed maisonettes, 510 three-bedroomed and 25 four bedroomed houses. There are 5 shops and 166 garages.

## REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

Repairs and maintenance work carried out by the Council's direct labour force included 727 plumbing, 298 bricklaying and 471 carpentry jobs.

83 properties were decorated internally by direct labour and 77 houses were decorated externally by outside contract.

Free collections of excess household rubbish (old iron etc) continue to be made on the last Friday of each month and during the year such collections were made from 580 privately owned and Council owned properties.

## THE COUNCIL'S WAITING LIST.

At the end of the year, 190 applicants remained on the list who required 61 bed/sitting room flats, 53 one-bedroomed flats, 32 two-bedroomed and 44 three/four bedroomed accommodation.

During the year, lettings totalled 97 and of these four families were rehoused from unfit properties.

The number of Council tenants on the Waiting List for transfer to other types of accommodation totalled 113 and during the year 52 transfers were arranged.

## WELFARE.

The County Co-ordinating Committee met monthly in the Council Chamber and 26 families were assisted through the various Voluntary and Statutory Bodies whose representatives attend these meetings. The largest number of problems are caused directly or indirectly by lack of, or unsatisfactory housing.

The 'Voluntary' Laundry carried out household washing for 24 homes where elderly people have no relatives to assist them. There was a great need for 16 additional helpers and a circular letter was distributed in the district asking for such help.

At Christmas, over 500 homes were provided with extra comforts such as coal, groceries, sweets etc., through the local Rotary, Soroptimist and Youth Clubs and the Women's Royal Voluntary Service.

The Round Table Association again organised a successful 'Donkey Derby' held in the grounds of East Court and some of the proceeds were used to send 20 elderly people to the sea for a holiday.

The Women's Royal Voluntary Service has again rendered valuable assistance in many directions. The 'Meals on Wheels' and Luncheon Club have served 2,984 lunches, including 52 special Christmas dinners which were provided without charge. The meals are all cooked by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service in a kitchen which is adjoining the Club Room of St. Leonard's Hospital. All such meals are subsidised by the Council.

227 people were helped with clothing and 18 homes were provided with much needed furniture. New cushions were made for the geriatric patients in the Queen Victoria Hospital and for the Common Room of the Council's flats for retired and handicapped people. New curtains were also made for the Club Room at St. Leonard's Hospital. This Club Room is not only used for the Luncheon Club but is a meeting place for the 'Over Sixties' Club and other social events. It is also used as a workshop for retired people who enjoy the companionship which comes with carrying out part time work on club premises of this kind. A large number of pairs of trousers were sent to Aberfan.

#### CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU.

The following information is given by the Secretary of the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

The Citizens' Advice Bureau at Westminster Bank Chambers is open daily from Monday to Friday and family and personal problems form a major part of the work. Many elderly persons come to the Bureau for advice and help, and there are to date 111 persons of retirement age on the Chiropody Register enabling them to have treatment at a reduced rate. During 1966 in all 480 elderly people were helped regarding problems which beset them. It was noted with interest that many more young persons were willing to do some voluntary social service for the elderly, and wherever possible the Bureau put these young people in touch with those needing help such as gardening, house decorating and shopping etc.

The Bureau co-ordinates very closely with the statutory and voluntary bodies in the town, and the liaison is most beneficial to the efficient running of the Bureau.

## SOCIAL WELFARE LUNCH TIME SESSIONS.

With the object of fostering friendly acquaintance, and the interchange of information among those engaged in Social Welfare work, the East Grinstead Urban District Council agreed to sponsor a regular monthly meeting at East Court.

Invitations were sent to professional and voluntary workers, Doctors, Nurses, Clergymen and Head Teachers, who responded well.

The meetings have been held regularly on the first Friday of the month, and have been well attended. Each organisation represented has produced an excellent display of its activities, and these have been of great value to everyone present, promoting a better understanding of the services available.

Representatives of the following have attended:-

Local Clergy.  
British Red Cross (Sunshine Club).  
Child Guidance.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau.  
East Grinstead Association for the Disabled.  
East Grinstead Mental Health Association.  
East Grinstead U.D.C. Councillors.  
East Grinstead U.D.C. Housing Department.  
East Grinstead U.D.C. Public Health Department.  
East Sussex C.C. Children's Department.  
Education Department.  
Mental Health Department.  
Welfare Department.  
East Sussex Nursing Association (Health Visitors,  
Midwives and District Nurses).  
East Sussex Association for the Blind.  
Family Planning Association.  
General Practitioners.  
Marriage Guidance Council.  
Medical Social Service.  
Moral Welfare.  
Multiple Sclerosis Society.  
N.S.P.C.C.  
Old Peoples' Co-ordination Committee.  
Probation Service.  
S.A.A.F.A.  
W.R.V.S.

JOHN PETRIE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(For comparison the figures for 1965 are shown in the brackets)

Area	.....	6,600	
Registrar General's Estimated Population	.....	17,020	(16,610)
Density of population per acre	.....	2,579	(2,516)
Rateable Value (at 1.4.1966)	.....	£878,726	(£804,011)
Sum represented by a 1d rate (1966/67)	.....	£3,660	
Birth rate per 1000 population	.....	17.21	(18.3 )
Standardised Birth Rate	.....	17.4	(18.48 )
Crude Death Rate per 1000 population	.....	11.51	(13.6 )
Standardised Death Rate	.....	8.29	(10.34 )
Infantile Mortality Rate	.....	6.8	(13.15 )
Number of Inhabited Dwellings (at 1.4.1966)	.....	5,510	( 5,191)

**BIRTHS**

**LIVE BIRTHS**

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	149	131	280
Illegitimate	5	8	13
Total Live Births	154	139	293

Birth Rate per 1000 population

..... 17.21

Comparability Factor

..... 1.01

Standardised Birth Rate

..... 17.4

**STILL BIRTHS**

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	1	1
Total Still Births	-	3	3

Rate per 1000 of the Total Births

..... 10.24

**DEATHS**

Crude Rate per 1000 population

..... 11.51

Comparability Factor

..... 0.72

Standardised Death Rate

..... 8.29

**INFANTILE MORTALITY**

Deaths of infants under the age of 1 week

..... 1

Deaths of infants under the age of 4 weeks

..... 1

Deaths of infants under the age of 1 year

..... 2

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births

..... 6.8

Illegitimate Live Births ... 4.44% of Total Live Births.

Neo-Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 Live Births)

... 6.8

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis Respiratory	...	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	13
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	3
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	6
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	1
Diabetes	...	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous Systems	...	21
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	11
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	1
Other Heart Disease	...	12
Other Circulatory Disease	...	9
Influenza	...	2
Pneumonia	...	6
Bronchitis	...	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	4
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	1
Congenital Malformations	...	-
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	...	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	1
All other accidents	...	-
Suicide	...	1
 TOTAL ALL CAUSES	 ...	 92
		104

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUPS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Under 4 weeks	1	-	1
4 weeks & under 1 year	1	-	1
1 - 4	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-
15 - 24	1	-	1
25 - 34	3	-	3
35 - 44	-	1	1
45 - 54	6	4	10
55 - 64	14	8	22
65 - 74	19	17	36
75 and over	47	74	121

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1951 - 1966

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infants Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths				
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M	F	Total		M	F	Total						
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total														
1951	11,170	76	59	135	2	7	9	12.88	63	86	149	13.34	2	2	4	27.78	- 5				
1952	11,310	63	59	122	2	3	5	11.23	65	67	132	11.67	3	-	3	23.62	- 5				
1953	11,360	72	41	113	1	3	4	10.29	58	102	160	14.08	3	2	5	42.74	- 43				
1954	11,820	77	71	148	3	4	7	13.11	69	86	155	13.11	4	-	4	25.81	---				
1955	12,220	60	80	140	3	-	3	11.7	77	86	163	13.34	3	-	3	20.98	- 20				
1956	12,760	91	83	174	2	1	3	13.87	87	104	191	14.91	1	3	4	22.6	- 14				
1957	13,340	108	100	208	3	2	5	16.72	93	106	199	14.92	1	1	2	9.39	14				
1958	13,390	118	89	207	4	5	9	15.48	95	97	192	13.76	-	-	-	---	24				
1959	14,370	135	106	241	3	2	5	16.42	89	104	193	13.43	2	1	3	12.2	53				
1960	14,900	132	113	245	3	6	9	17.05	86	103	189	12.68	3	-	3	11.81	65				
1961	15,540	125	118	241	5	2	7	15.9	97	96	193	12.42	2	2	4	16.1	55				
1962	15,860	122	114	236	2	5	7	15.51	101	134	235	14.81	1	2	3	12.34	8				
1963	15,930	136	144	280	11	4	15	18.52	107	144	251	15.76	1	5	6	20.34	44				
1964	16,390	145	121	266	12	8	20	17.45	89	114	203	12.39	4	2	6	20.98	83				
1965	16,610	155	131	286	13	5	18	18.3	105	121	226	13.6	3	1	4	13.15	78				
1966	17,020	149	131	280	5	8	13	17.21	92	104	196	11.51	2	-	2	6.08	97				

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PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year 1966.

DISEASE	Cases Notified	Cases to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	8	-	-
Whooping Cough	10	-	-
Measles	51	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	6
Tuberculosis	3	-	1
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Dysentery	6	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Meningitis	1	1	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS.

DISEASE	0	1	AGE GROUPS								TOTAL
			3	5	10	15	25	45	65		
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	5	1	-	1	-	-	8	
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	10	
Measles	2	9	14	-	26	-	-	-	-	51	
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dysentery	1	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	6	
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

TUBERCULOSIS

Summary of New Cases and Mortality during the years 1951 - 1966

YEAR	NEW CASES						DEATHS					
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1951	12	5	-	-	17	8	-	-	1	-	1	1
1952	6	2	-	-	7	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
1953	3	4	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
1954	3	3	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
1955	2	4	1	-	13	3	-	-	1	-	-	-
1956	2	1	-	-	12	1	-	-	4	-	5	1
1957	6	5	-	-	5	4	-	-	1	-	1	1
1958	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
1959	3	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1960	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1962	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
1963	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1
1964	1	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1
1965	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1966	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

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New Cases and Mortality during the year 1966.

NEW CASES				DEATHS			
Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
Under 1 year							
1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	14	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	24	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	34	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	44	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	54	-	-	1	-	-
55	-	64	-	-	-	-	-
65	-	and over	1	1	-	-	1

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WOOPING COUGH, TETANUS  
AND POLIOMYELITIS

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE.

DIPHTHERIA.

In the East Grinstead area, 322 had completed a full course of Primary Immunisation, and 855 had received a Secondary (reinforcing) injection by the end of the year.

WOOPING COUGH

The number of children who had completed a Primary Course (normally three injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the East Grinstead area was 316 and 344 received a reinforcing dose.

POLIOMYELITIS

145,084 East Sussex residents had received primary courses of poliomyelitis vaccine as at the 31st December 1965, of which 140,178 had completed the full course of three doses each. 43,457 had reinforcing fourth doses.

6,803 children completed primary courses.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION - NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED (or  
revaccinated during the year).

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 15	Total
Number Vac- cinated	103	146	53	20	322
Number Re- Vaccinated	-	-	3	77	80

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION.

During the year 1034 International Certificates of Vaccination against Smallpox and Cholera were authenticated by the Health Department. A further 205 were authenticated at Queen Victoria Hospital.

## HOUSING.

### 1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:

(1) a.	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	171
b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	212
(2) a.	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1926 and 1932.	...	Nil
b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	Nil
(3)	Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	...	9
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	...	142

### 2. Remedy of Defects during the year without the Service of Formal Notices:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. ... 2

### 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

#### a. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	...	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notice:		
(a)	By Owners	...	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners.	...	Nil

b. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices:

(a) By Owners. ... Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners. ... Nil

c. Proceedings under Section 16 and 23 of the Housing Act 1957:

(1) Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling houses unfit for habitation. ... 8

(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil

(3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. ... 37

(4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted from Owners (S.16(4)) ... 1

(a) To render the house fit for human habitation ... Nil

(b) To usage other than for human habitation ... Nil

d. Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit ... Nil

e. Unfit houses voluntarily demolished by Owners. ... Nil

f. Houses demolished in Clearance Areas Nil

4. Housing Act 1957 - Overcrowding:

a. (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. Nil  
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein Nil  
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein Nil

b. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... Nil

c. (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year. ... Nil  
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... Nil

d. Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for abatement of overcrowding. ... Nil

5. Number of new houses erected during the year 1966:

(a) State Aided:  
(i) By Local Authority ... 4  
(ii) By private enterprise (Public Utility Societies etc) ... Nil

(b) Without State Aid: ... 57

RENT ACT 1957

Certificates of Disrepair

Number of applications during 1966.	...	Nil
Number of applications granted.	...	Nil
Number of applications refused.	...	Nil
Undertakings given by landlords.	...	Nil
Number of certificates issued.	...	Nil
Number of applications by landlords to Local Authorities for cancellation of certificates.	...	Nil
Number of objections by tenants to cancellation.	...	Nil
Number of decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objections.	...	Nil
Certificates cancelled by Local Authority.	...	Nil

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

		Discretionary (The Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, Part II)			Standard (The House Purchase & Housing Act 1959, Part II)			
		Improvement			Conversion			
	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted
Enquiries made	1	8	-	1	-	-	-	11
Approval refused by tenant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Application not approved by Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications approved and not proceeded with	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Applications approved and proceeded with	-	7	2	-	-	-	7	4
Completed by 31.12.66	-	5	-	-	-	-	5	2
Total of Grants approved and proceeded with	-	£2145. 6s.6d.	-	-	-	-	£723. 12s. 4d.	£293. 1s.3d.
Approved previously and completed in 1965	1	4	-	-	-	-	3	1

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THE HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1958.  
PART II - SECTION 30

The technical operation of the Improvement Grant Scheme of the Housing Act remains delegated to this Department.

The table on page 17 summarises the work during the year.

The works carried out include:

Provision of damp-proof course	....	6
Provision of electric light	....	-
Extensions of electric light	....	6
Provision of hot water for domestic purposes	....	16
Provision of internal water closet	....	14
Provision of bath in separate room	....	14
Provision of lavatory basin	....	15
Provision of sink and suitable arrangements for disposal of waste water	....	7
Provision of proper drainage system	....	1
Extensions of drainage system	....	9
Provision of adequate facilities for storing, preparing and cooking food	....	8
Provision of additional natural lighting	....	3
Provision of approved grates	....	6
Separate mains water system	....	1

1965

SANITARY SUPERVISION

Housing Inspections

		<u>1966</u>
94	Inspections made under Housing Acts	218
205	Inspections made under Public Health Acts	223
161	Housing Act: Improvement Grants	101
-	Certificates of Disrepair	-

Other Inspections

185	Meat Shops and Slaughterhouses	182
9	Fish Shops	21
-	Bakehouses	-
95	Other Food Premises	249
35	Public Houses and Hotels	45
7	Clubs	3
324	Public Health Acts	407
27	Petroleum Acts	147

## Other Inspections (Continued)

1965

43	Factory Acts (not included in other totals)....	194
29	Infectious Diseases	120
13	Water Supplies	64
38	Clean Air Act	92
1906	Inspections made under Pest Destruction Acts	1824
178	Other Miscellaneous Inspections.	296
180	Complaints	73

### WATER SUPPLY.

Water for the greater part of East Grinstead is supplied by the Mid-Sussex Water Company. A few houses on the Northern boundary at Felbridge are supplied by the East Surrey Water Company.

The Mid-Sussex Water Company have deep wells at Hackenden and Forest Row, and an additional supply is obtained from the reservoir of the Weir Wood Water Board. Placelands deep bore-hole is also available as an additional booster for Summer Supplies.

The raw water is aerated, subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration, automatic superchlorination, and finally before going into supply, to dechlorination to give a free residual of 0.1 p.p.m. of chlorine. A consistently safe and palatable water supply is thus assured.

Samples of water from each supply are regularly submitted to the Analytical Laboratory, Lewes by the Mid-Sussex Water Company for chemical and bacteriological examination. The quality of the water supply has been of a high standard.

Samples of treated water from each supply were tested on the 17th December 1962, and showed the following fluoride content:

Weir Wood Reservoir 0.0 ppm Forest Row Pumping Station .09 ppm  
Placelands Deep Bore .59 " Hackenden Pumping Station .02 "

It was not necessary to restrict the supply at any time throughout the year.

Approximately 5,327 dwelling houses have a piped water supply.

## INSPECTION OF FOOD.

During the year 541 visits were made to food premises, and below are details of the foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

### TINNED.

Fruit	99 tins
Fish	56 "
Vegetables	40 "
Meat	14 "

### MUTTON.

134 Livers	Parasitosis, fluke, abscess and necrosis.
20 Lungs	Strongylosis
$\frac{1}{2}$ Head	Tuberculosis
34 lb.	Unsaleable due to refrigerator breakdown.

### PORK.

2 Livers	Necrosis.
156 Livers	Ascariasis.
6 Hearts	Pericarditis.
28 Heads	Tuberculosis.
7 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb shoulder	Decomposing.
34 lb.	Unsaleable due to refrigerator breakdown.

### BEEF :

1 Lung	Abscess
1 Liver	Worm infested.

### OTHER.

3 pkts cereal	Stale
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt seed potatoes	Decomposed.
3 jars mayonnaise	Glass contaminated.
56 lbs cake	Rancid.
18 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb gherkins	Tins damaged.
332 jars pickle	lids rusted.
8 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb cooked ham	Bone taint.
4 lb lemon curd	Mouldy.
2 tins creamed rice	Blown.
1 tin milk	Rusted
96 pkts fish fingers	Decomposed.
396 jars paste	Mouldy.
3,744 pkts nuts	Rancid and mouldy.
111 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb nuts	Rancid and mouldy.

CLEAN FOOD SUPERVISION.

(1) Number of Food Premises in the area, by type of business:

Bakehouses	...	2
Butchers	...	12
Catering Establishments		
Boarding Houses	...	-
Cafes and Teashops	...	4
Clubs	...	15
Factory and Staff Canteens	...	11
Fish and Chip Shops	...	4
Hospitals	...	2
Hostels	...	3
Hotels	...	4
Public Houses - Total	...	9
Serving Meals	...	2
Serving Snacks	...	6
Residential Institutions	...	17
Restaurants	...	7
Schools, Technical Colleges etc	...	11
Snack Bars	...	1
Chemists	...	6
Confectioners	...	26
Corn Merchants	...	2
Fish Shops (Wet and Dried)	...	4
General Stores	...	18
Greengrocers	...	13
Grocers	...	18
Milk Depots	...	3
Milk Shops	...	9
Wayside Stalls	...	1
Wine Merchants	...	6

(2) Number of Food Premises by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under Local Acts, and the number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959:

Sale of Ice-Cream	...	49
Preparation of Potted Food	...	-
Preparation of Sausages	...	6
Preparation of Pressed Food	...	-
Preparation of Picked Food	...	9
Preparation of Preserved Food including Fried Fish	...	7
Dairies	...	4

(3) Number of Inspections of Registered Food Premises     ... 292

OTHER Continued.....

8 tons 12 cwts 37 lb ) assorted confectionary)	Stale/liquidised/rodent contaminated/mouldy/ rancid.
348 cartons fondants	Liquidised.
463 boxes fondants	Liquidised.
4,680 bars sweets	Damp and mouldy.

MILK

The following dealers' licences authorising the use of special designation were in force during the year ended 31st December 1966:

<u>Special Designation</u>	<u>No. of Licences.</u>
Pasteurised	...
Sterilised	10 2

POULTRY INSPECTIONS:

(1)	13 poultry processing premises.
(11)	200 visits to premises.
(111)	19,937 birds processed during the year.
(IV)	Types of Birds processed:-
	Turkeys 900. Capons 16,750.
	Geese 31. Duckling 1,006.
	Culls 1,250.
(V)	0.1% rejected as unfit for human consumption.
(V1)	94 lbs condemned as unfit for human consumption.
(V11)	Comments on poultry processing and inspection:-

Majority of poultry processing is carried on in 4 butchers shops (16,000 of total). The birds are previously hand picked by owners and consequently very few are unfit for human consumption. It is not practical with present legislation to ensure 100% inspection in the widely separated poultry processing establishments in this area, but agreement has been reached with owners to notify this Department should any reasonable doubt arise as to the fitness for human consumption of the poultry being processed.

CARCASES OF ANIMALS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle exc. Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	-	-	35	912	1099
Number inspected	-	-	35	912	1099
All Diseases except Tuberculosis:					
Whole Carcasses condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	2	154	164
Percentage of the number inspected infected with disease other than T.B. ...	-	-	5.7	16.88	14.92
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcases condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	1	28
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis. ...	-	-	-	.1	2.54

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	Number of premises registered during year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a General Inspection during the year.
Offices	9	93	5
Retail Shops	14	185	16
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	10	-
Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens	2	24	11
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>32</b>

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	1015
Retail Shops	1171
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	81
Catering Establishments open to the public	182
Canteens	24
Fuel Storage Depots	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2473</b>
<b>TOTAL MALES</b>	<b>1207</b>
<b>TOTAL FEMALES</b>	<b>1266</b>

FACTORIES ACT 1961

During the year 110 inspections were made under the Factories Act 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspec-tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	4	Nil	Nil
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	106	40	14	Nil
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	28	66	3	Nil
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Nil</b>

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.			No. of cases where Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	4	4	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient	3	3	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	10	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-workers)	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Part VIII of the Act, Outwork  
(Sections 133 and 134)

	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of Outworkers in August	No. of Cases of default in sending Lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel: Making etc	18	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and Washing	Nil	—	—	—	—	—

RODENT CONTROL.

	Rats	Mice	Total
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification ...	97	22	119
Number of such properties found to be infested ...	66	18	84
Number of properties found to be infested as a result of systematic survey ...	24	14	38
Total number of properties infested ...	90	32	122
Infestations dealt with by Council ...	82	22	104
Infestations dealt with by Occupier following instructions given by Rodent Officer ...	8	10	18

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Officer on Pest Destruction.

During the year ended 31st December 1966, 1795 visits were made under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949, and of these, 623 were systematic surveys.

The Council also dealt with 27 wasps' nests and 23 complaints of other pests, including cockroaches, ants, moles, flies.

Regular inspections have been made at Eden Vale and Ashurst Wood Sewage Disposal Works, the refuse tip, housing estates and other Council properties. A 10% test of sewers was not considered necessary by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food during the year 1966.

A nominal charge for rodent and pest destruction is made to householders. Business premises are charged with the actual cost of materials and labour. No charge is made for subsequent inspection to ensure that the premises remain free from rats and mice.

The Council is prepared to enter into an annual contract to maintain business premises free from vermin.

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#### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

This work is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

House refuse is collected weekly. Single large items are also collected on the last Friday of each month and a written request should be made to the Surveyor's Department. There is no charge made for this service.

Trade Refuse is collected at the request of the trader concerned, and a charge of 1/3d per bin on all bins in excess of one per week is made. A collection is also made of trade waste paper, cardboard, etc., again by request. Sacks are supplied by the Council to the trader and are emptied at a charge of 1/3d each, including the first sack.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping at Hill Place Farm, High Grove. Before being covered, newly-tipped refuse is treated with Malathion insecticide to prevent breeding of flies.

Frequent inspections of the tip are made to ascertain possible nuisance by rodents and flies.

#### PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS 1928 and 1936.

58 premises were licensed to store petroleum spirit, and 147 visits were made under the Acts by the Public Health Inspectors.

## LABORATORY SERVICES

The services of the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone 63506) are available to this department and to Medical Practitioners in the district for the investigation of infectious disease.

The laboratory is in a position to accept specimens (faeces, sputa, throat swabs, etc.,) both for the diagnosis of individual cases and for the investigation of outbreaks (detection of carriers, reservoirs of infection, mode of spread, etc.,) Specimens should reach the laboratory by 4.30 p.m. on Weekdays, by 12.30 p.m., on Saturdays and by 11.30 a.m., on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Containers may be obtained from the laboratory or from this department, and specimens may be sent to the laboratory via the Southdown Motor Bus Company. Collections are made at the Brighton terminus at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (Mondays - Fridays) and at 12.30 p.m., on Saturdays. No collections are made on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Specimens for the Bacteriologist may be left at the Public Health Department, East Court, East Grinstead before 12.30 p.m., and will be placed on a bus in time to reach Brighton for the 4 p.m. collection.

The laboratory is open between the hours of 9.30 a.m., and 12 noon on every day of the year including Sundays and Public Holidays. Specimens which are so urgent that they have to be collected on those days can be accepted at the laboratory between 10 a.m., and 11.30 a.m.

Specimens which are received at the Brighton Terminus after the last daily collection has been made, are not picked up until the following day, unless prior notification is received at the laboratory that an urgent specimen is on its way which may not, or will not arrive in Brighton in time for the normal collection. In cases of extreme urgency arising after laboratory hours, special arrangements can be made by telephoning the Director of the Public Health Laboratory (Dr. J. E. Jameson, Brighton 56960) or the Chief Technician (Mr. N. W. Emberley, Rottingdean 2070).

The following prophylactic is held at the laboratory for issue free of charge to Medical Practitioners:

Gamma Globulin.

Supplies are restricted, and it is available only by consultation with the laboratory.

Other types of vaccine, anti-toxins and serums are not held, but information regarding them may be obtained from the Director.

## EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRES

The following table shows the clinics held at the East Sussex County Council's Welfare Centre, Moat View, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

<u>CLINICS</u>	<u>DAYS AND TIMES</u>
INFANT WELFARE	... Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) 2 - 4 pm
TODDLERS' CLINIC.	... First, Second, Third and Fourth Tuesdays of each month 10 - 11.45 a.m. By appointment with the Health Visitor.
DENTAL CLINIC Mothers and children under 5 years	By appointment with the Dentist.
ANTE NATAL Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes	... Every Tuesday - 2.15 p.m.
Cuckfield Hospital Patients	... Third Wednesday each month - 2.15 pm - By appointment.
DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION	... Second Wednesday each month - 2.15 p.m.
CHILD GUIDANCE	... Thursdays - by appointment.
SPEECH THERAPY	... Every Tuesday - by appointment with the Speech Therapist.
FAMILY PLANNING	... Every Thursday at 7 p.m. by appointment.
CYTOTOLOGY CLINIC	... Every Wednesday morning and Second and Fourth Tuesday evenings - by appointment.
<u>AT QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL</u>	
CHEST CLINIC	... Every Thursday - 2 p.m.
<u>AT ST. DUNSTAN'S HALL, MAYPOLE ROAD, ASHURST WOOD.</u>	
INFANT WELFARE Weighing Sessions only ...	Fourth Wednesday every month- afternoons.

## VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC

Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.	...	Men    Tuesday 11am - 12 noon Women Tuesday 10am - 11 am
Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, Sussex.	...	Men    Monday    4.30pm - 8 pm Wednesday 9.30am - 1 pm Thursday    1.30pm - 4.30 pm
	...	Women Tuesday    1.30pm - 4.30pm Thursday    10am - 1 pm Saturday    9.30am - 11.30am

## AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The Ambulance Service in East Grinstead is as follows:-

Number of Ambulances	...	Two
Ambulance Station	...	Grinstead Motors Ltd., 219b, London Road, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	...	East Grinstead 23468
Area served	...	East Grinstead Forest Row Hartfield West Hoathly Worth

A day and night service is available for the conveyance of patients from within the County of East Sussex, who are unfit to travel either by public transport or car. Calls are accepted from doctors, midwives and hospitals in the area. Cases of accident or sudden emergency are the only calls accepted from members of the public.

The ambulances are now operated by the East Sussex County Council, who took them over from the British Red Cross Society in April 1966.

Cases of infectious disease are removed to isolation hospital in the ambulances, which are then disinfected before returning to normal service.

Patients able to travel by car are conveyed on calls from doctors, midwives or hospitals, by the Hospital Car Service. Details of this service are given below.

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE.

Area Transport Officer	...	Mrs. J.E.Faithful, 219b, London Road, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	...	East Grinstead 21318
Area served	...	East Grinstead Urban District. Uckfield Rural District. Cuckfield Rural District (Northern half)
Office hours	...	Mondays to Fridays inclusive:  10 a.m. to 12 noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.





